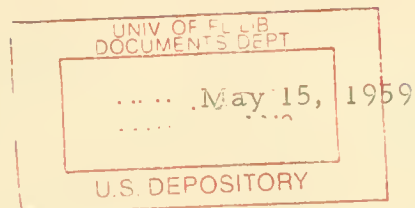


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HATCHERY PRODUCTION
April 1959



Chick Production

Commercial hatcheries produced 311,561,000 chicks during April--up 4 percent from April 1958 and up 9 percent from the 1953-57 average for the month. The number of broiler-type chicks hatched was up 10 percent. The number of egg-type chicks produced was down 2 percent.

The number of broiler-type chicks produced during April totaled 178,695,000, compared with 162,990,000 in April 1958. Production for the first four months of 1959 totaled 661,037,000--up 12 percent from the production during these same months in 1958. Egg-type chicks hatched during April totaled 132,866,000. Production January through April totaled 348,393,000--about 1 percent more than the number produced during these months last year.

The demand for both broiler and egg-type chicks, in response to the relatively low prices for eggs and broilers, has slackened considerably from previous months and is below that of a year ago. Smaller May hatches than a year ago are in prospect. The number of broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1 was 1 percent less than on May 1, 1958. The number of eggs for egg-type chicks in incubators on May 1, 1959 was 13 percent less than on May 1 last year.

Poult Production

Poult production during April reflected a continuation of the trend of previous months. The production of heavy white breeds and light breeds was larger than a year earlier, while production of other heavy breeds (mostly bronze) was smaller. Heavy white breed poult production of 2,773,000 was 25 percent larger than in April 1958. Other heavy breeds production of 13,073,000 poults was down 3 percent. Total heavy breed production was up 1 percent. The number of heavy breed poults hatched during the first 4 months of 1959 was about the same as a year earlier. The hatch of heavy white breed poults was up 32 percent, while other heavy breed poults was down 6 percent. The number of light breed poults hatched in April totaled 1,898,000, compared with 1,552,000 in April 1958--an increase of 22 percent. Production during the months January through April totaled 6,458,000 up 43 percent from the same period in 1958.

Turkey eggs in incubators on May 1 indicate that the number of heavy white and light breed poults hatched in May will be larger than in May last year. The hatch of other heavy breed poults, mostly broad breasted bronze, will be smaller.

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Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division:	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	April		January through April		April	
	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine....	5,094	5,093	18,970	19,600	638	659
N.H.....	1,521	1,380	5,656	5,630	547	640
Vt.....	27	10	82	48	111	115
Mass.....	1,454	1,160	5,813	4,612	2,144	1,910
R.I.....	236	286	867	1,036	53	65
Conn.....	3,518	3,491	12,743	14,038	1,918	1,285
N.E.....	11,850	11,420	44,131	44,964	5,411	4,674
N.Y.....	577	730	2,055	2,560	2,764	2,200
N.J.....	1,426	920	5,793	4,460	3,820	3,300
Pa.....	5,248	4,743	19,709	17,937	6,169	6,984
M.A.....	7,251	6,393	27,557	24,957	12,753	12,484
Ohio.....	1,930	1,700	6,550	6,600	6,570	6,750
Ind.....	5,986	6,665	22,646	23,084	7,537	7,365
Ill.....	1,338	1,180	4,919	4,255	9,087	7,120
Mich.....	720	600	2,710	2,450	3,000	2,800
Wis.....	1,463	1,550	5,657	6,220	4,578	3,700
E.N.C...	11,437	11,695	42,482	42,609	30,772	27,735
Minn.....	315	402	1,005	1,277	15,815	14,000
Iowa.....	603	350	1,882	1,500	20,980	19,040
Mo.....	6,712	6,291	23,559	23,284	7,719	7,497
N.Dak....	25	36	45	36	1,499	1,474
S.Dak....	23	0	29	0	5,067	5,362
Nebr.....	156	145	467	455	6,315	7,392
Kans.....	650	450	2,073	1,440	4,264	4,000
W.N.C...	8,484	7,674	29,060	27,992	61,659	58,765
Del.....	7,624	6,584	29,404	26,191	52	44
Md.....	8,655	8,280	29,726	32,479	154	268
Va.....	7,151	7,650	25,940	29,395	1,327	1,549
W.Va....	1,177	1,068	4,136	3,973	239	243
N.C.....	11,772	13,553	43,352	48,925	1,488	1,626
S.C.....	1,614	1,713	6,325	7,070	708	838
Ga.....	28,356	32,077	103,508	116,859	1,293	2,749
Fla.....	1,867	1,688	6,974	6,515	1,061	1,133
S.A.....	68,216	72,613	249,365	271,407	6,322	8,450
Ky.....	1,380	1,600	5,055	6,050	1,235	1,320
Tenn.....	3,455	4,200	12,365	15,350	1,615	1,840
Ala.....	11,238	14,983	38,015	51,926	708	1,021
Miss.....	7,122	10,476	24,923	37,740	388	750
E.S.C...	23,195	31,259	80,358	111,066	3,946	4,931
Ark.....	11,776	14,719	43,546	53,693	448	608
La.....	1,457	2,504	5,356	9,054	300	305
Okla....	830	1,100	2,950	3,890	1,120	1,080
Texas...	10,476	10,060	37,801	36,833	3,422	3,452
W.S.C...	24,539	28,383	89,653	103,470	5,290	5,445
Mont.....	89	55	183	102	471	545
Idaho....	252	408	842	1,402	522	516
Wyo. & ..						
N.Mex.2/:	0	14	---	29	79	57
Colo.....	116	110	511	278	573	553
Ariz.....	55	64	194	229	163	172
Utah.....	210	298	669	808	431	345
Nev.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount...	722	949	2,399	2,848	2,239	2,188
Wash.....	1,309	1,375	4,752	5,303	1,336	1,257
Oreg.....	1,327	1,551	4,287	5,840	826	719
Calif....	4,660	5,383	17,402	20,581	4,369	6,218
Pac.....	7,295	8,309	26,471	31,724	7,031	8,194
U.S.....	162,990	178,695	591,446	661,037	135,423	132,866

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

State and division	Egg-type			Total		
	January through April			April		
	1958			1959 1/		
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Maine.....	2,091	2,378	3,199	5,732	5,752	21,061
N.H.....	1,855	1,989	2,948	2,068	2,020	7,511
Vt.....	296	271	159	138	125	378
Mass.....	7,195	6,870	3,562	3,598	3,070	13,008
R.I.....	157	245	237	289	351	1,024
Conn.....	6,720	5,049	5,318	5,436	4,776	19,463
N.E.....	18,314	16,802	15,423	17,261	16,094	62,445
N.Y.....	9,083	7,800	4,326	3,341	2,930	11,138
N.J.....	14,190	12,930	6,710	5,246	4,220	19,983
Pa.....	19,004	20,767	11,281	11,417	11,727	38,713
M.A.....	42,277	41,497	22,317	20,004	18,877	69,834
Ohio.....	17,690	16,550	10,869	8,500	8,450	24,240
Ind.....	17,956	17,835	16,814	13,523	14,030	40,602
Ill.....	22,811	20,137	14,478	10,425	8,300	27,730
Mich.....	8,300	7,350	4,911	3,720	3,400	11,010
Wis.....	9,644	8,700	5,613	6,041	5,250	15,301
E.N.C.....	76,401	70,572	52,685	42,209	39,430	118,883
Minn.....	31,265	29,505	17,054	16,130	14,402	32,270
Iowa.....	40,200	36,750	22,640	21,583	19,390	42,082
Mo.....	14,656	14,733	17,548	14,431	13,788	38,215
N.Dak.....	2,259	2,360	1,716	1,524	1,510	2,304
S.Dak.....	9,210	10,059	5,153	5,090	5,362	9,239
Nebr.....	13,394	14,251	7,894	6,471	7,537	13,861
Kans.....	9,373	9,120	6,681	4,914	4,450	11,446
W.N.C.....	120,357	116,778	78,686	70,143	66,439	149,417
Del.....	89	157	5,973	7,676	6,628	29,493
Md.....	578	851	7,301	8,809	8,548	30,304
Va.....	3,832	4,343	8,347	8,478	9,199	29,772
W.Va.....	400	509	1,549	1,416	1,311	4,536
N.C.....	4,937	5,454	9,316	13,260	15,179	48,289
S.C.....	2,491	2,692	1,701	2,322	2,551	8,816
Ga.....	5,089	9,978	18,267	29,649	34,826	108,597
Fla.....	4,015	4,841	2,913	2,928	2,821	10,989
S.A.....	21,431	28,825	55,369	74,538	81,063	270,796
Ky.....	2,705	3,075	3,011	2,615	2,920	7,760
Tenn.....	4,615	5,290	3,690	5,070	6,040	16,980
Ala.....	2,682	3,674	5,702	11,946	16,004	40,697
Miss.....	1,734	2,741	4,881	7,510	11,226	26,657
E.N.C.....	11,736	14,780	17,284	27,141	36,190	92,094
Ark.....	1,467	2,618	8,009	12,224	15,327	45,013
La.....	1,037	1,415	1,235	1,757	2,809	6,393
Okla.....	3,560	3,600	3,192	1,950	2,180	6,510
Texas.....	12,754	13,359	12,201	13,898	13,512	50,555
W.S.C.....	18,818	20,922	24,637	29,829	33,828	108,471
Mont.....	1,174	1,259	651	560	600	1,357
Idaho.....	1,552	1,491	864	774	924	2,394
Wyo.-N.Mex. 2/	188	116	206	79	71	188
Colo.....	1,820	1,663	1,349	689	663	2,331
Ariz.....	646	714	205	218	236	840
Utah.....	1,412	1,409	632	641	643	2,081
Nev.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount.....	6,792	6,652	3,906	2,961	3,137	9,191
Wash.....	5,045	4,818	2,813	2,645	2,632	9,797
Oreg.....	3,040	2,591	2,127	2,153	2,270	7,327
Calif.....	19,751	24,086	10,783	9,529	11,601	37,153
Pac.....	27,836	31,495	15,723	14,327	16,503	54,277
U.S.....	343,962	348,393	286,029	298,413	311,561	935,408
1/ Preliminary. 2/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.						

Baby chicks and turkey poults: Average prices paid to commercial hatcheries,

April 1, 1959

State and division	Baby chicks, per 100			Turkey poults, each		
	Egg type pullets			Heavy breeds		
	Broiler	Pure	Incross breeds	White	Other	Light
	breeds	breeds	(Hybrids)			breeds
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Ct.	Ct.	Ct.
Maine	1/ 11.0	33.0	---	75	---	---
N.H.	12.0	37.0	---	79	86	---
Vt.	12.0	36.5	---	79	86	---
Mass.	12.0	37.5	---	81	.88	70
R.I.	12.0	32.5	---	81	---	---
Conn.	1/ 11.0	32.5	---	81	86	---
N.E.	11.2	35.4	---	80.2	87.3	---
N.Y.	12.5	41.0	57.0	80	85	65
N.J.	15.5	38.5	57.0	80	90	60
Pa.	1/ 11.5	35.5	44.5	1/ 75	1/ 105	1/ 55
M.A.	12.3	37.8	45.7	78.9	102.0	56.7
Ohio	12.5	32.5	54.0	1/ 68	1/ 73	1/ 50
Ind.	1/ 11.5	29.0	51.0	55	65	45
Ill.	1/ 12.0	34.0	51.0	67	72	50
Mich.	13.0	37.0	50.0	65	69	60
Wis.	14.5	35.5	53.0	59	70	52
E.N.C.	12.2	33.4	51.7	62.5	70.1	50.1
Minn.	14.5	38.0	56.0	1/ 53	1/ 60	1/ 38
Iowa	12.0	38.0	56.0	1/ 65	1/ 70	1/ 46
Mo.	1/ 7.4	27.0	53.0	1/ 60	1/ 65	1/ 45
N.Dak.	17.5	33.0	51.0	61	65	50
S.Dak.	17.5	35.5	51.0	---	60	45
Nebr.	16.0	33.0	52.0	62	66	56
Kans.	12.0	32.5	55.0	64	66	50
W.N.C.	8.4	34.0	52.0	55.1	64.6	42.3
Del.	1/ 9.0	---	---	---	---	---
Md.	1/ 9.0	35.0	57.0	---	---	---
Va. 1/	10.0	39.0	56.0	71	73	45
W.Va.	1/ 10.0	37.0	---	---	---	---
N.C.	1/ 8.0	32.0	46.0	65	60	---
S.C. 1/	8.7	35.0	---	68	65	49
Ga.	1/ 6.7	37.0	45.0	---	65	---
Fla.	1/ 9.5	43.0	54.0	65	65	45
S.A.	8.2	41.3	49.4	69.1	65.9	45.4
Ky.	11.0	27.0	55.0	---	68	---
Tenn.	10.0	39.0	56.0	---	---	---
Ala.	1/ 7.5	38.0	51.0	68	70	50
Miss.	1/ 7.0	40.0	48.0	60	65	45
E.S.C.	7.9	35.7	52.8	64.2	68.0	---
Ark.	1/ 8.5	40.0	53.0	60	65	45
La.	1/ 7.0	43.0	56.0	---	---	---
Okla.	13.0	31.0	51.0	60	65	45
Texas	1/ 7.5	33.5	52.0	1/ 50	1/ 60	1/ 40
W.S.C.	8.1	33.6	52.1	54.3	62.3	42.3
Mont.	18.5	37.0	47.5	---	---	---
Idaho	16.0	39.0	51.0	---	70	45
Wyo.	---	34.5	51.0	---	---	---
Colo.	16.5	32.5	56.0	75	70	45
N.Mex.	---	30.0	---	---	65	---
Ariz.	18.0	47.0	50.0	---	60	---
Utah.	16.0	40.0	56.0	60	64	40
Mount.	16.5	38.5	53.5	60.9	66.2	42.4
Wash. 1/	14.5	45.5	54.0	---	65	---
Oreg. 1/	15.5	36.0	45.0	---	55	40
Calif. 1/	15.5	36.5	51.0	65	62	45
Pac.	15.3	38.0	51.4	---	60.4	43.6
U.S.	9.0	35.8	51.3	59.9	64.7	44.8

As of the 15th of the month.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States							
Month	By months			Cumulative			
	1958	1959 1/	Change from:	1958	1959 1/	Change from	
			last year			last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.
<u>Broiler-type</u>							
January	139,977	151,874	+ 8	139,977	151,874	+ 11,897	+ 8
February	137,226	148,228	+ 8	277,203	300,102	+ 22,899	+ 8
March	151,253	182,240	+ 20	428,456	482,342	+ 53,886	+ 13
April	162,990	178,695	+ 10	591,446	661,037	+ 69,591	+ 12
May	180,726			772,172			
June	177,588			949,760			
July	172,027			1,121,787			
August	153,013			1,274,800			
September	130,303			1,405,103			
October	133,512			1,538,615			
November	133,650			1,672,265			
December	148,002			1,820,267			
<u>Egg-type</u>							
January	33,995	35,427	+ 4	33,995	35,427	+ 1,432	+ 4
February	61,638	59,925	- 3	95,633	95,352	- 281	---
March	112,906	120,175	+ 6	208,539	215,527	+ 6,988	+ 3
April	135,423	132,866	- 2	343,962	348,393	+ 4,431	+ 1
May	109,722			453,684			
June	40,376			494,060			
July	18,189			512,249			
August	14,825			527,074			
September	16,550			543,624			
October	16,904			560,528			
November	16,248			576,776			
December	19,564			596,340			
<u>Total chicks</u>							
January	173,972	187,301	+ 8	173,972	187,301	+ 13,329	+ 8
February	198,864	208,153	+ 5	372,836	395,454	+ 22,618	+ 6
March	264,159	302,415	+ 14	636,995	697,869	+ 60,874	+ 10
April	298,413	311,561	+ 4	935,408	1,009,430	+ 74,022	+ 8
May	290,448			1,225,856			
June	217,964			1,443,820			
July	190,216			1,634,036			
August	167,838			1,801,874			
September	146,853			1,948,727			
October	150,416			2,099,143			
November	149,898			2,249,041			
December	167,566			2,416,607			

1/ Preliminary.

Chicken eggs in incubators May 1, 1959

Geographic Divisions	Broiler-type	Percent change from May 1, 1958	Egg-type	Total eggs
New England	- 10	- 24	- 13	
Middle Atlantic	- 10	- 16	- 14	
East North Central	- 13	- 12	- 13	
West North Central	- 22	- 19	- 19	
South Atlantic	- 2	+ 27	---	
East South Central	+ 18	- 14	+ 14	
West South Central	+ 2	- 23	- 1	
Mountain	+ 18	- 12	- 3	
Pacific	---	+ 11	+ 5	
United States	- 1	- 13	- 6	

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubators

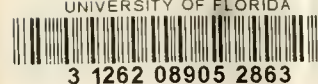
Geographic Divisions	White heavy breeds 1/1958	White heavy breeds 1/1959	Other heavy breeds 1/1958	Other heavy breeds 1/1959	Total heavy breeds 1/1958	Total heavy breeds 1/1959	Light breeds 1/1958	Light breeds 1/1959
Poults hatched during April	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
New England	114	127	27	27	141	154	3	1
Middle Atlantic	162	136	205	169	367	305	32	16
East North Central	540	561	1,697	1,546	2,237	2,107	158	224
West North Central	1,022	1,441	4,551	4,940	5,573	6,381	327	408
South Atlantic	96	174	901	801	997	975	766	867
South Central	226	187	1,467	1,454	1,693	1,641	160	210
West	63	152	4,695	4,136	4,758	4,288	106	172
United States	2,223	2,778	13,543	13,073	15,766	15,851	1,552	1,898
Turkey eggs in incubators - May 1								
New England	401	443	92	93	493	536	7	3
Middle Atlantic	419	345	479	420	898	765	63	54
East North Central	1,246	1,371	3,204	2,835	4,450	4,206	441	526
West North Central	1,953	2,571	7,506	7,823	9,459	10,394	696	653
South Atlantic	253	302	2,186	1,593	2,439	1,895	1,500	1,641
South Central	413	361	2,668	2,451	3,081	2,812	327	358
West	131	280	7,524	6,511	7,655	6,791	165	292
United States	4,816	5,673	23,659	21,726	28,475	27,399	3,199	3,527

1/ See footnotes page 8.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By Months			Cumulative			
	1958	1959 <u>2/</u>	Change from: last year	1958	1959 <u>2/</u>	Change from last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Percent
Heavy white breeds: <u>1/</u>							
January	779	1,183	+ 52	779	1,183	+ 404	+ 52
February	919	1,101	+ 20	1,698	2,284	+ 586	+ 35
March	1,348	1,908	+ 42	3,046	4,192	+1,146	+ 38
April	2,223	2,778	+ 25	5,269	6,970	+1,701	+ 32
May	3,011			8,280			
June	2,426			10,706			
July	1,622			12,328			
August	779			13,107			
September	492			13,599			
October	606			14,205			
November	850			15,055			
December	1,096			16,151			
Other heavy breeds: <u>1/</u>							
January	1,723	1,226	- 29	1,723	1,226	- 497	- 29
February	3,709	3,513	- 5	5,432	4,739	- 693	- 13
March	9,600	9,132	- 5	15,032	13,871	-1,161	- 8
April	13,543	13,073	- 3	28,575	26,944	-1,631	- 6
May	14,141			42,716			
June	9,501			52,217			
July	2,921			55,138			
August	147			55,285			
September	35			55,320			
October	119			55,439			
November	271			55,710			
December	631			56,341			
Total all heavy breeds: <u>1/</u>							
January	2,502	2,409	- 4	2,502	2,409	- 93	- 4
February	4,628	4,614	--	7,130	7,023	- 107	- 2
March	10,948	11,040	+ 1	18,078	18,063	- 15	--
April	15,766	15,851	+ 1	33,844	33,914	+ 70	--
May	17,152			50,996			
June	11,927			62,923			
July	4,543			67,466			
August	926			68,392			
September	527			68,919			
October	725			69,644			
November	1,121			70,765			
December	1,727			72,492			

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Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United St.							
By months							
Month	1958	1959	Change from:	1958	1959	Change from	
	2/	2/	last year	2/	2/	last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Percent
<u>Light breeds 1/</u>							
January	847	1,501	+ 77	847	1,501	+ 654	+ 77
February	994	1,332	+ 34	1,841	2,833	+ 992	+ 54
March	1,131	1,727	+ 53	2,972	4,560	+1,588	+ 53
April	1,552	1,898	+ 22	4,524	6,458	+1,934	+ 43
May	2,156			6,680			
June	2,134			8,814			
July	1,978			10,792			
August	1,097			11,889			
September	546			12,435			
October	468			12,903			
November	662			13,565			
December	1,093			14,658			
Total all breeds 1/							
January	3,349	3,910	+ 17	3,349	3,910	+ 561	+ 17
February	5,622	5,946	+ 6	8,971	9,856	+ 885	+ 10
March	12,079	12,767	+ 6	21,050	22,623	+1,573	+ 7
April	17,318	17,749	+ 2	38,368	40,372	+2,004	+ 5
May	19,308			57,676			
June	14,061			71,737			
July	6,521			78,258			
August	2,023			80,281			
September	1,073			81,354			
October	1,193			82,547			
November	1,783			84,330			
December	2,820			87,150			

1/ Heavy white breeds include heavy white-feathered breeds, such as Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, and crosses with light white breeds. All other heavy breeds are reported under "other." Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and wild turkeys.

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